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SUBJECT: NIGERIA: SHELL CLAIMS PRODUCTION UNAFFECTED BY
RECENT ATTACKS; COMMENTS ON GROWING VIOLENCE IN THE DELTA
REF: A. LAGOS 365 B. LAGOS 366
Classified By: Consul General Donna M. Blair for reasons 1.4 (B) and (D)

1. (S/NF) Summary: Shell's Vice President for Africa, Ann Pickard (strictly protect), said a September 13 attack on a Shell natural gas node in
Shell Says Attacks Caused Little Impact to Production

2. (S/NF) In a September 18 meeting with Econoffs to discuss the attacks that occurred September 13-16 in Rivers State, Shell's Vice President
3. (C/NF) Pickard also thought she detected a troubling new development in at least one of the recent attacks in Rivers State. In previous attack
Amaechi Lacks Capacity to Co-Opt the Militants

4. (C/NF) Discussing the politics behind the recent events in Rivers State, Pickard said Rivers State Governor Rotimi Amaechi lacked the connection
GAZPROM Making a Play for Shell's Concessions in Nigeria?

5. (S/NF) Pickard asked for USG information on GAZPROM's interest in Nigeria. She had heard from contacts in the British government that the
Shell Concerned About MANPADS in Niger Delta

6. (S/NF) In another request for information, Pickard asked if we had any information about possible shipments of "surface to air missiles (S
7. (S/NF) Comment: In earlier conversations, Pickard has not always been forthcoming on oil production levels. Government spokesmen and other